

Engineering Department

CIP Project Number: PK0802

Title: Brazos River Park Phase II

Project Phase: Design

% of Phase Completion

PER Design Construction

2011

Cost for this Phase: \$950,000

Funding Sources: SL4B

Project Manager: Jimmy Vandever

Contractor: TBD

Consultant: SWA Group

Project Description: Development of phase II of Brazos River Park in accordance with the Council approved plan for the 420 acre park site. The proposed improvements identified in the plan include: an access road from US Highway 59 through the site and to the U of H lease property, parking areas, amphitheater, festival grounds on the park site, canoe launch, pavilion, restroom, and trails.

Justification: Implementation of the City Council approved plan for the Brazos River Park and City Council approved Brazos River Park Corridor Master Plan.

Updates: December 2008- Project on hold until the scope of the Entertainment District is clearly defined to allow smooth integration between the two sites. The goal is to restart the PER project and award contract in January 2009 pending approval of Entertainment District scope.

March 2009: Several versions of the scope have been discussed for this phase to accommodate the Entertainment District. A scaled back scope has been agreed to by management and staff to pursue some trail connections and parking with other elements that would not create potential conflict upon final layout of the Entertainment District.

June 2009: SWA awarded contract to perform PER. Workshop scheduled for July 7th with stakeholders and owners. Project is behind original schedule due to delays based on the entertainment district. A revised schedule is being established.

July 2009- Workshop was held with all stakeholders to determine elements that can be included in the project with minimum impact to the plans for the Entertainment District. SWA presented concepts for music festivals and other events that could take place.

August 2009-

September 2009- Final workshop was held in September. PER is being completed and should move into final design in October. Design will include trails, road access, festival site and mass grading.

October 2009- A draft of the PER report was submitted including a hydraulic study performed by Brown and Gay Engineering. Comments were received and discussed with the consultant. The final report should be complete by the end of November.

November 2009 – SWA wrapping up the Preliminary Engineering Report. This project will be requested to be workshopped to City Council in December to update them on the results of the PER and gain their input for the next steps.

December 2009- Met with consultant on 12/30/09 to begin the process of requesting a proposal for design of phase II. An internal meeting with Parks and Engineering is scheduled to narrow down the scope before a formal RFP is sent to SWA. Also, an FYI to City Council and the Executive Team is in progress to give clear information regarding the project budget and changes to the approved master plan to supplement the information provided in the work shop.

March 2010- Project is being consolidated with the Entertainment District Baseball Stadium. A proposal has been requested from the consultant for the Civil Design of the improvements. The contract is expected to be brought to Council in April.





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